

# THE ROBERT SHARLAND CHARITY

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Registered charity name: The Robert Sharland Charity

Charity Registration no: NIC107931

Charity address: 1 Raffertys Hill, Drumlough, Hillsborough, BT26 6QB

### TRUSTEES:

Rev Canon Robert Howard	~	Clergy of Annahilt Parish
Rev Laslo Csongor Orban	~	Clergy of Anahilt Presbyterian
Rev Gareth McFadden	~	Previous clergy of Anahilt Presbyterian
Rev Leslie Patterson	~	Clergy of Loughaghery Presbyterian
Dr Helen Fullerton	~	Lay representative

### PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS:

Chair	~	Rev Canon Robert Howard
Secretary	~	Rev Laslo Csongor Orban
Interim Treasurer	~	Rev Laslo Csongor Orban (resigned October 2024)
Treasurer	~	Aubrey Campbell (appointed October 2024)

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr James Magee  
Aubrey Campbell & Company  
631 Lisburn Road  
Belfast  
BT9 7GT

### STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Robert Sharland Charity has been established under a Scheme governing document.

The current Scheme of the Robert Sharland Charity manages the fund received when the Annahilt Almshouses were sold in the late 20th Century. The fund from that property sale is held in trust, invested with the Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities (CIFC). Grants from the Robert Sharland Charity are made from the dividend payments from the CIFC and are used only for the purposes defined in the Scheme.

The Governing document was last revised on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

### DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

To provide for residents for the time being of Laurelhill House, River House, Newcastle, Anahilt Care Home, Anahilt, and Oakridge Care Home, Ballynahinch, such services, amenities, opportunities or equipment as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit, save that such services,

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year ending 31st December 2024 no grants were made to homes under our scope. £Nil was given. The Robert Sharland Charity has taken steps to re-establish our work in the post - pandemic environment.

## FUNDRAISING AND PROPERTY

The Robert Sharland Charity does not fundraise, and the charity does not hold property.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees of the charity confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance produced on public benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Robert Sharland Charity meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under care for the elderly and relief of poverty. The benefits from our purpose are demonstrated through enhanced lifestyle and stimulation of the elderly residents in the aforementioned homes. The lifestyle and stimulation enhancements are additional to what would have been provided under government funding. Grant-funded projects are specified by home management and approved by our trustees. They must meet real needs. For example: a summer house project enabled residents to enjoy outdoor space with shelter and comfort. Those who benefit from our work are Residents of the local residential care homes as listed in our purpose.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Robert Sharland Charity's source of income is from CIFIC dividend payments. Dividends totalling £3,160 were received from CIFIC in the current year (£3,160 in 2023). Total expenditure [limited again to bank charges] was £7.66 (£7.66 in 2023). No payments were made to the Trustees and administration costs were £Nil.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice. The Robert Sharland Charity's total income does not exceed £250,000. Therefore, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position.

Report approved by the Trustees:



Dr Helen Fullerton

Date: 31st October 2025